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Focal Scripture. *If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.* **Isa. 58:10**

Focal Thought. *“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”* **Mahatma Gandhi**

Update on 2022 Funding. Your Fellowship has supported an IMB missionary couple in Eastern Europe for 7 years now and we thank God for the opportunity to assist them as they spread the gospel and help needy people become self-sustaining. That is our mission. Our support of their ag missions’ efforts is continuing in 2022 and the Executive Committee wanted you to be aware of how you provided for them this year.

Their work spans a wide range of small development projects and provides flexibility in meeting needs. These small projects include seed and fertilizer for potato production, which is the main crop in this region. It also includes providing sheep, goats, and laying hens to families, as well as small greenhouses and drip irrigation systems. This year, your donations allowed us to send **\$5,000** to furnish seed potatoes and fertilizer for potato production projects.

In addition, we are thankful for the partnership of an organization called Missionary Agricultural Resource Services (MARS), which is based in Alexandria, LA and coordinated by Douglas and Becky Neel. This is the third year they have partnered with us in support of the IMB missionary in Eastern Europe, and we are very grateful for the support they and their Board of Directors have provided. This year, MARS provided **\$5,000** to fund three laying hen projects of 50 hens each, some honeybee projects, and a drip irrigation system for a 0.10-acre garden. MARS is a like-minded organization to ours in that they were created to serve field missionaries so they would be fully supported and assisted. We appreciate their partnership and anticipate it continuing in future years.

Update from ADF. The Agricultural Development Foundation is our parent organization. Some of you will be aware of this since you are members, but ADF was founded in 1970 to provide funds and materials to

missionaries engaged in agricultural work. At their most recent meeting, held at First Baptist Church, Clinton, MS in early April, they approved funding for four ag missions projects as follows: 1) \$10,000 for repair, renovation and expansion of the goat milk processing building at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center, Philippines, 2) \$5,000 for the “Seeds to Sow” project that will provide seeds, water filters, emergency assistance, and practical agricultural experience in an Asian country, 3) \$18,000 for solar-powered irrigation pumps to support a dairy project in the Dominican Republic where electricity is unavailable, and 4) \$8,340 for a training facility and to purchase chickens and goats in Southeast Asia. The ADF summer meeting will be held at First Baptist Church in Vicksburg, MS, and several of your Executive Committee members are likely to attend.

Project Support. *The greatest need of your Fellowship is always for additional funds with which to help the poor help themselves.* Following are examples of projects individuals, classes, or churches can support to provide a helping hand to those who are poor, hungry, and in need of Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord:

Egg incubation facilities for a family or village.

Rabbit project for a family.

Chicken project for a family.

Goat project for a family.

Sheep project for a family.

Dairy heifer project for a family.

Vegetable garden project for a family.

Drip irrigation for a family.

Small greenhouse for a family.

Water filters to provide pure water to families.

Please help us help those in desperate need to help themselves by making your check payable to Louisiana Baptist Foundation and sending it to P.O. Box 120, Homer, LA 71040. Indicate the funds are for Ag Missions. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of your contributions go directly to the mission field because the Executive Committee pays all expenses for operating the Fellowship.